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SUBJECT: MEETINGS OF ISVS LIAISON COMMITTEE AND COUNCIL,

OCTOBER 21-23, GENEVA

REF: (A) STATE 173754, AUGUST 31, 1973; (B) STATE 4408

1. PREPARATORY TO UPCOMING ISVS LIAISON COMMITTEE (BUDGET)
AND 15TH COUNCIL SESSION, DEPARTMENT WOULD APPRECIATE
BEING INFORMED OF PLANS OF OTHER MAJOR DONOR COUNTRIES
RE FINANCIAL SUPPORT FOR ISVS, PARTICULARLY IN LIGHT
RECENT DEPARTMENT DECISION TO CEASE FUNDING ISVS REGULAR
BUDGET AFTER FY 1975 AND UNCERTAINTY PEACE CORPS
CONTRIBUTION TO SPECIAL FUND BEYOND 1975 PENDING RESULTS
OF EVALUATION BY PEACE CORPS OF ITS INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMS.

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2. ISVS SECGEN ZOLLNER NOTIFIED OF DEPARTMENT DECISION BY LETTER AUGUST 1 AND LATER INFORMED THAT DECISION WAS FIRM WHEN HE MADE PERSONAL APPEAL FOR RECONSIDERATION DURING OCTOBER 3 VISIT TO DEPARTMENT (MEMCON TO BE POUCHEDE GENEVA).

3. IF ADDRESSEE POSTS PERCEIVE NO OBJECTION, THEY REQUESTED SEEK INFORMATION FROM HOST GOVERNMENTS, STRESSING DEPARTMENT'S DECISION NOT TO CONTINUE FUNDING BECAUSE

BROADER BASED UN VOLUNTEER PROGRAM NOW HAS SAME MANDATE AS ISVS, AND WE DO NOT WANT TO PROVIDE FINANCIAL SUPPORT TO TWO ORGANIZATIONS DOING SAME JOB. POSTS SHOULD ALSO EMPHASIZE OUR RENEWED CONFIDENCE IN BROADENED UN VOLUNTEERS PROGRAM (UNV) APPROVED BY 18TH SESSION OF UNDP GOVERNING COUNCIL IN MANILA AND OUR CONCERN THAT VERY LIMITED ISVS RESOURCES NOT BE USED TO DUPLICATE UNV ACTIVITIES BUT RATHER BE UTILIZED IN COOPERATIVE VENTURES WITH EXPANDING UNV PROGRAM.

4. BACKGROUND: POSTS MAY DRAW ON REFTELS FOR BACKGROUND OUR UNSUCCESSFUL INITIATIVE TO MERGE ISVS INTO UNV STARTED AT ISVS COUNCIL SESSION LAST AUTUMN. WORKING GROUP ESTABLISHED AS RESULT THAT COUNCIL SESSION MET EARLY APRIL AND DECIDED BY CONSENSUS TO EXTEND LIFE OF ISVS AND (A) INVITED SEC-GEN TO SEEK AGREEMENTS WITHIN UN SYSTEM TO ENLARGE COOPERATION AND STRENGTHEN FINANCIAL BASE; (B) CAUTIONED SEC-GEN AGAINST DUPLICATING ACTIVITIES OF OTHER INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS; (C) APPEALED TO MEMBER GOVERNMENTS FOR INCREASED FINANCIAL SUPPORT; (D) DECIDED TO EVALUATE RESULTS OF ABOVE DURING FUTURE SESSIONS AND REASSESS SITUATION.

5. UPCOMING 15TH COUNCIL SESSION IS CERTAIN TO ADOPT RESOLUTION OF WORKING GROUP AND THEREBY OFFICIALLY EXTEND LIFE OF ORGANIZATION. ON OTHER HAND, UNDP GOVERNING COUNCIL AT 18TH SESSION IN MANILA APPROVED OF EXPANDED UNV PROGRAM WHICH SPECIFICALLY INCLUDED MANDATE FOR UNV INVOLVEMENT IN ACTIVITIES SUPPORTIVE OF DOMESTIC VOLUNTEER ORGANIZATIONS WHICH HERETOFORE HAD BEEN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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PRESERVE OF ISVS. WE SUPPORT THIS BROADENING OF UNV ACTIVITIES AND HOPE IT WILL OFFER GROUND FOR COOPERATION BETWEEN UNV AND ISVS.

6. ACCORDING DEPARTMENT RECORDS PRIMARY CONTACTS FOR ISVS IN CAPITALS ARE: BONN: DR. KARL KIRCHHOF, FEDERAL MINISTRY OF ECONOMIC COOPERATION AND NEWBAUER, MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS; BERN: RICHARD GAECHTER, MULTILATERAL

SECTION, FEDERAL POLITICAL DEPARTMENT; COPENHAGEN;
TORBEN DITHMER, MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS; THE HAGUE;
WILLIAM ERATH AND ELIZABETH BADON-GHIJBEN, ORGANIZATION
OF NETHERLAND VOLUNTEERS; PARIS: CLAUDE LE BRETON,
MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS.

7. PLEASE REPEAT REPLIES USUN AND US MISSION GENEVA.
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